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LATE ITEM FOR STOKES/HYDE MEETING

Although Chairman Stokes probably will not raise the current status of our work with the HPSCI concerning a security review of its report on "Intelligence Support to Arms Control," attached is the latest information on our efforts with Committee staffers should the subject arise.

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The Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 5 June 1987 expressing your concern about the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA's) replacement of General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Protective Officers (FPOs) with special CIA security officers.

I have reviewed the recent correspondence on this subject sent to you by then-Acting Director Gates. While I believe the Agency is making a good effort at this time to improve the hiring of former FPOs, I share your concern that this matter needs continuing attention. I assure you that I will monitor our progress, and I will take the occasion of our regular meetings to give you periodic updates.

With respect to your question about the pay offered to the FPOs, as we have explained to your staff, prior to October 1985 SPO starting salaries were determined by what was asked for by the applicant and the applicant's credentials. We learned that other services, like the Secret Service Uniformed Division and the Capitol Hill Police, had set uniform entry salary levels which served them well. Therefore, we set a uniform maximum entry level of GS-06, Step 1, effective in October 1985. All SPOs hired between October 1985 and April 1987 when the pay cap was modified were hired at the GS-06, Step 1 level.

While uniform entry-level pay was fair in the sense that it was uniformly applied, the fact of the matter is that our starting salary of GS-06, Step 1, represented a pay cut for most FPOs who, although they were GS-04s and GS-05s, were at step levels which afforded them higher pay. Although we were able to attract many qualified recruits, they came mainly from outside the D.C. area; the thought of a pay cut was surely a disincentive to many FPOs. We believe this explains in part why only a small number of FPOs applied to become SPOs.

Exclusive Briefings: In response to a question during the Iran/Contra hearings, Admiral Poindexter asserted that the House Intelligence Committee refused briefings that were exclusively for the Chairman and insisted on sharing information with all Committee Members. According to Admiral Poindexter, this included refusing to meet alone with the Director unless guaranteed that the information could be shared.

That reflected, but exaggerated, the situation under then-Chairman Hamilton (D., IN). At the present time, however, both the House and Senate Intelligence Committee Chairmen and Ranking Republican will meet privately with you and/or the Deputy Director. They reserve the right to share information with other Members and will not give you a commitment of absolute privacy. Mr. Stokes may raise this topic with you based on Admiral Poindexter's testimony. In the event he does so, you could stress that both Committees are treated the same way; that is, you meet regularly with Senators Boren and Cohen, as well as Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde, and brief them on sensitive subjects which they have the right to pass on to other Members as they deem necessary.

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In addition, as you know, our staffs met on 12 June for a thorough discussion of the matter. Our officers explained the actions we are taking to encourage former FPOs to apply for our Security Protective Officer (SPO) positions. This includes letters written to 197 former FPOs to inform them about the SPO positions and to invite them to apply.

On 20 June the Agency held an open house at the Headquarters auditorium to meet with FPOs, explain our program and to solicit their applications. Fifty-four of our former FPOs responded and attended that open house. We have already received 26 applications from former FPOs as a result of these initiatives. All applications from former FPOs will be given preferential treatment. Of course, we will continue to keep your staff informed of our progress.

I look forward to hearing your views on improving the CIA's minority hiring performance. I hope we can work together to ensure a successful program.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

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OCA 87-3044  
23 July 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: David D. Gries  
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Rep. Henry Hyde (R., IL)

Having learned from Tom Smeeton that Mr. Hyde was annoyed that he had not been briefed about Mr. Brown's leak of classified information, I called to apologize and explain that we fully intended to continue dealing with the Committee on a bipartisan basis. In this instance only, the Director had met alone with Chairman Stokes. After roasting me in a pro forma fashion, Mr. Hyde became his genial self again and said he considered the matter closed.

Comment: It was a judgment call whether Mr. Hyde should have been included in the meeting with the Director and Chairman Stokes. Chairman Stokes apparently made the same judgement call as we did, since it was obviously within his power to include Mr. Hyde. This incident serves as a reminder of Mr. Hyde's insistence that he receive the same briefings and the same information as the Chairman.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: David D. Gries   
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: DCI/DDCI meeting with Chairman Louis Stokes and  
Ranking Minority Member Henry Hyde on 30 July

1. The DCI opened with a statement on the Special Counsel. Messrs. Stokes and Hyde were undoubtedly aware of his intention to bring in a new Special Counsel. The DCI needed such a person to help him sort through the various investigations so that he could do his own work and not become tied up in Iran-Contra matters. He had selected Russ Bruemmer, former law clerk and former Special Assistant at the FBI. Bruemmer is currently a member of a Washington law firm. Bruemmer assisted in the case of the 68 FBI agents who were under a cloud when the Judge was appointed Director of the FBI. The DCI said there could be future potential for Bruemmer in the Agency if things worked out. Bruemmer would have to make sense of the various investigations, but was not expected to start his own investigation. He would try to decide whether any rules or regulations had been violated. He would also try to look at the Inspector General process to see if it is working properly. The DCI said he viewed the Special Counsel's role as a low key, low profile assignment.

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4. In discussing conversion of Federal Protective Officers to Security Protective Officers, the DCI commented on his letter to the Chairman describing the situation. The letter had been held up because it seemed to mix apples and oranges in describing pay levels and General Services grades and steps; clarification was required. Currently, more than 33 former Federal Protective Officers had applied for Security Protective Officers' positions. In the past the situation had not been properly handled, but improvements had been made. Chairman Stokes thanked the DCI for his concern, and said he was pleased to learn that applications were up.

5. The DCI said that he had met Majority Leader Foley at a social event, and the latter had asked about the leak involving Mr. Brown. Chairman Stokes said that he was aware of that conversation, having seen the Majority Leader himself somewhat later. The Chairman said he was waiting for an appointment with the Speaker, after which he expected the problem would be solved. According to the Chairman, recent stories about Senator Leahy's resignation from the Senate Intelligence Committee might make it easier for the House to take action.

6. The DDCI said that the Agency had completed most of the work required to declassify the House Intelligence Committee report entitled "Intelligence Support to Arms Control." The DDCI wanted to be certain that the report represented either a Committee viewpoint or contained majority and minority views if there was no Committee position. Mr. Hyde described the report as "adversarial"; the Committee did not expect the Agency to take sides between the majority and minority. He assured the DDCI that minority views, which differed sharply from majority views, were represented in the report.

7. Chairman Stokes said that initial steps had been taken toward convening a conference with the Senate on the Intelligence Authorization Bill, but no dates had been set. All members of the House Intelligence Committee would be conferees.

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9. The DCI asked that the room be cleared for discussion of a sensitive issue. Latimer, Smeeton and I departed.

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ACIS - 373/87  
29 July 1987Current HPSCI Concerns:

The HPSCI has asked CIA for a security review of its draft Committee report entitled, "Intelligence Support to Arms Control." That work has been completed.

- o ACIS, NIO/SP, OSWR and CRES reviewed and commented.
- o ACIS met yesterday, 29 July, with Mr. Jack Keliher of the Committee staff to convey suggestions and recommendations.
- o Mr. Keliher took away a mark-up of the report and will confer with Congressman McCurdy on a few points where we expressed sources and methods concerns.
- o ACIS expects all suggestions to be incorporated.
- o Committee wishes to move quickly and release the unclassified report before Congress recesses on 7 August.
- o ACIS will prepare soon a formal response to Chairman Stokes' letter of request to the DCI of 29 June 1987.

Committee staffer, Mr. Bernie Toon, reports that staff and members are concerned about the IC's ability to monitor elements of our proposed INF Treaty and about nuclear testing verification issues.

- o Both topics are treated in detail in the Committee report.

Mr. Toon also reports that he believes Chairman Stokes' meeting with the DCI will be in the nature of a "get acquainted" session and not delve deeply into substantive issues.

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27 July 1987  
OCA 87-2889

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: David D. Gries  
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your meeting with Representatives Stokes and  
Hyde on 30 July 1987

Bob Gates and I will accompany you to your regular meeting with Chairman Louis Stokes (D., OH) and Ranking Minority Member Henry Hyde (R., IL) of the House Intelligence Committee on Thursday, 30 July, at 0800 in Room H-405, The Capitol.

Items for your agenda might include:

Your new special counsel: As you know, both Members are also on the Iran/Contra Committee. Therefore, they will be particularly interested in hearing of your intentions if you wish to share them at this time. Committee staffers have already expressed interest based on their reading of the Washington Times article of 20 July 1987.

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Minority hiring: You have promised to provide updates from time to time on our progress in hiring former Federal Protective Service Officers into the Agency-administered Special Protective Service. We have so far received 33 applications and are processing them on a priority basis. We will provide regular monthly updates on our progress to Committee staff. Details are at Tab A.

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Representative Brown: Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde may raise the issue of unauthorized disclosure. We are unaware of what action, if any, Mr. Stokes has taken. However, I did receive a complaint from Mr. Hyde, who believes he should have been included in your meeting with Mr. Stokes. The details are at Tab B.

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